

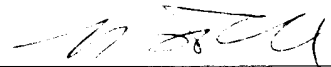
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action rejected claims 1-12, 20-24, and objected to claims 13-19.

Applicant has canceled and amended the claims to overcome the rejection and objections as cited by the examiner. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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